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Docket No. 320727.50401  
Date: September 30, 2003

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Application of: Kubota *et al.*

Application No.: 09/678,953

Filed: October 3, 2000

For: METHODS OF ISOLATING BIPOTENT  
HEPATIC PROGENITOR CELLS

Group Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: Thaian N. Ton

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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated April 30, 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-24.

The items checked below are appropriate.

1.  A Petition for a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the final rejection, together with the \$ 205.00 extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, is being filed concurrently herewith.
2.  A Petition for an additional \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time to take further action, together with the \$ \_\_\_\_\_ extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, was filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
3.  Fee \$320.00

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4.  Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 50-1710 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1710. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
5.  Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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